

(i) The number of individual consumer packages, the net weight of each consumer package, and the size description of the contents: *Provided*, That when consumer packages of different sizes of nectarines are contained in a master container, the size description of the contents shall indicate the minimum size contained therein, using the terms "Minimum size 60 and larger," or "Minimum size 70 and larger," etc., as applicable.

(ii) The name and address (including zip code) of the shipper.

(11) Each individual consumer package shall bear the name and address, including the zip code, of the shipper and the net weight. When a consumer package is not in a master container, it must also bear the number of nectarines contained in the package, the name of the variety, if known, or if the variety is not known, the words *Unknown Variety*, and be marked as specified in paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(b) As used in this section, "standard pack" and "fairly uniform in size" shall have the same meaning as set forth in the U.S. Standards for Grade of Nectarines (Secs. 51.3145 to 51.3160) and all other terms shall have the same meaning as when used in the amended marketing agreement and order. A No. 12B standard fruit box measures  $2\frac{3}{8}$  to  $7\frac{1}{8} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{8}$  inches, a No. 22D standard lug box measures  $2\frac{7}{8}$  to  $7\frac{1}{8} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{8}$  inches, a No. 22E standard lug box measures  $8\frac{3}{4} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{8}$  inches, a No. 22G standard lug box measures  $7\frac{3}{8}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{4} \times 15\frac{7}{8}$  inches, a No. 32 standard box measures  $5\frac{3}{4}$  to  $7\frac{1}{4} \times 12 \times 19\frac{3}{4}$  inches, a No. 35 standard box measures  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{15}{16} \times 15\frac{9}{16}$  to  $15\frac{13}{16} \times 23\frac{1}{4}$  to  $23\frac{3}{4}$  inches, and a No. 36 standard box measures  $5$  to  $6\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{4} \times 17\frac{1}{4}$  inches. All dimensions are given in depth (inside dimensions) by width and by length (outside dimensions). "Individual consumer packages" means packages holding 15 pounds or less net weight of peaches. "Tree ripe" means "tree ripened" and fruit shipped and marked as "tree ripe," "tree ripened," or any similar terms using the words "tree" and "ripe" must meet the minimum California Well Matured standards.

(c) Each container of nectarines in plastic,  $12 \times 19\frac{3}{4}$  inch reusable and recyclable containers shall meet and bear,

on the container lid or on the outside end, all applicable marking requirements under the order.

(d) During the period April 1 through October 31, 2005, each container or package when packed with nectarines meeting the "CA Utility" quality requirements, shall bear the words "CA Utility," along with all other required container markings, in letters at least  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch in height on the visible display panel. Consumer bags or packages must also be clearly marked on the consumer bags or packages as "CA Utility," along with all other required markings, in letters at least  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch in height.

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### Subpart—Grade and Size Regulation

#### §916.356 California Nectarine Grade and Size Regulation.

(a) During the period beginning April 1 and ending October 31, no handler shall ship:

(1) Any lot or package or container of any variety of nectarines unless such nectarines meet the requirements of U.S. No. 1 grade: *Provided*, That nectarines 2 inches in diameter or smaller, shall not have fairly light-colored, fairly smooth scars which exceed an aggregate area of a circle  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch in diameter, and nectarines larger than 2 inches in diameter shall not have fairly light-colored, fairly smooth scars which exceed an aggregate area of a circle  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter: *Provided further*, That an additional tolerance of 25 percent shall be permitted for fruit that is not well formed but not badly misshapen: *Provided further*, That all varieties of nectarines which fail to meet the U.S. No. 1 grade only on account of lack of blush or red color due to varietal characteristics shall be considered as meeting the requirements of this subpart: *Provided further*, That during the period

April 1 through October 31, 2005, any handler may handle nectarines if such nectarines meet “CA Utility” quality requirements. The term “CA Utility” means that not more than 40 percent of the nectarines in any container meet or exceed the requirements of the U.S. No. 1 grade, except that when more than 30 percent of the nectarines in any container meet or exceed the requirements of the U.S. No. 1 grade, the additional 10 percent shall have non-scoreable blemishes as determined when applying the U.S. Standards for Grades of Nectarines; and that such nectarines are mature and are:

(i) Free from insect injury which has penetrated or damaged the flesh; split pits which cause an unhealed crack or one or more well healed cracks which, either singly or in the aggregate, are more than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch in length; mold, brown rot, and decay which has affected the edible portion; and

(ii) Free from serious damage due to skin breaks, cuts, growth cracks, bruises, or other causes. Damage to any nectarine is serious when it causes a waste of 10 percent or more, by volume, of the individual nectarine.

(iii) *Tolerances.* Not more than 10 percent, by count, of the nectarines in any one container may be below the requirements which are prescribed by this paragraph, including not more than 5 percent, by count, for any one defect, except split pits. An additional tolerance of 10 percent, by count, of the nectarines in any one container or bulk lot may contain nectarines affected with split pits. This means a total tolerance of 20 percent is allowed for all defects, including split pits, but not to exceed 15 percent for split pits alone.

(iv) The Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service shall make final determinations on maturity through the use of color guides or such other tests as determined appropriate by the inspection agency. The Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service will use the maturity guides listed in table 1 to paragraph (a)(1)(iv) in making maturity determinations for the specified varieties when inspecting to the “well matured” level of maturity. For these varieties, not less than 90 percent of any lot shall meet the color guide established for the variety, and an aggregate

area of not less than 90 percent of the fruit surface shall meet the color guide established for the variety, except that for the Tom Grand variety of nectarines, not less than an aggregate area of 80 percent of the fruit surface shall meet the color guide established for the variety. For varieties not listed, the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service will use such tests as it deems proper. A variance for any variety from the application of the maturity guides specified in table 1 to paragraph (a)(1)(iv) may be granted during the season to reflect changes in crop, weather, or other conditions that would make the specified guides an inappropriate measure of “well matured.”

TABLE 1

Column A variety	Column B maturity guide
Alshir Red .....	J
Alta Red .....	J
April Glo .....	H
August Fire .....	L
August Glo .....	L
August Lion .....	J
August Red .....	J
Aurelio Grand .....	F
Autumn Delight .....	L
Big Jim .....	J
Burnectone (Spring Ray) .....	L
Candy Gold .....	L
Crimson Baby .....	G
Diamond Bright .....	J
Diamond Jewel .....	L
Diamond Ray .....	L
Earliglo .....	I
Early Diamond .....	J
Early Red Jim .....	J
Early Sungrand .....	H
Emelia .....	J
Fairlane .....	L
Fantasia .....	J
Firebrite .....	H
Fire Sweet .....	J
Flame Glo .....	L
Flamekist .....	L
Flaming Red .....	K
Flavortop .....	J
Gee Sweet .....	L
Grand Candy .....	J
Grand Diamond .....	L
Grand Sweet .....	J
Gran Sun .....	L
Honey Blaze .....	J
Honey Dew .....	B*
Honey Fire .....	L
Honey Kist .....	I
Honey Royale .....	J
July Red .....	L
June Brite .....	I
June Candy .....	K
Juneglo .....	H
Kay Diamond .....	L
Kay Glo .....	J

TABLE 1—Continued

Column A variety	Column B maturity guide
Kay Sweet .....	J
King Jim .....	L
Kism Grand .....	J
Late Le Grand .....	L
Late Red Jim .....	J
Mango .....	B*
May Diamond .....	I
May Fire .....	H
Mayglo .....	H
May Grand .....	H
May Kist .....	H
Mid Glo .....	L
Moon Grand .....	L
Niagra Grand .....	H
P-R Red .....	L
Prince Jim .....	L
Prince Jim I .....	L
Prima Diamond XIII .....	L
Red Delight .....	I
Red Diamond .....	L
Red Fred .....	J
Red Free .....	L
Red Glen .....	J
Red Glo .....	I
Red Jewel .....	L
Red Jim .....	L
Red May .....	J
Red Roy .....	J
Regal Red .....	K
Rio Red .....	L
Rose Diamond .....	J
Royal Giant .....	I
Royal Glo .....	I
Ruby Diamond .....	L
Ruby Grand .....	J
Ruby Sun .....	J
Ruby Sweet .....	J
Scarlet Red .....	K
September Free .....	J
September Grand .....	L
September Red .....	L
Shay Sweet .....	J
Sheri Red .....	J
Sparkling June .....	L
Sparkling May .....	J
Sparkling Red .....	L
Spring Bright .....	L
Spring Diamond .....	L
Spring Red .....	H
Spring Sweet .....	J
Star Brite .....	J
Sugar Queen .....	L
Summer Beaut .....	H
Summer Blush .....	J
Summer Bright .....	J
Summer Diamond .....	L
Summer Fire .....	L
Summer Grand .....	L
Summer Lion .....	L
Summer Red .....	L
Sunburst .....	J
Sun Diamond .....	I
Sunecteight (Super Star) .....	G
Sun Grand .....	G
Sunny Red .....	J
Tom Grand .....	L
Zee Glo .....	J
Zee Grand .....	I

NOTE: Consult with the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service Supervisor for the

maturity guides applicable to the varieties not listed above. On varieties with less than 10 percent surface ground color required to determine California Well-Matured, the stem cavity color will be utilized to make the determination. As a guide, stem cavities for most varieties should be at least yellowish-green as defined by the H maturity guide. Confirmation may be further established by using other California well matured characteristics. \*Predominant ground color must be breaking yellowish green.

(v) If a grower or handler believes his/her fruit is meeting the appropriate maturity level but the fruit has not been so graded by the inspector, he/she may appeal the inspection by calling the officer-in-charge of the local Federal-State Inspection Service office to arrange for an on-site examination of the fruit.

(2) Any package or container of Mayglo variety nectarines through May 5 of each year; or April Glo, or Mayfire variety nectarines, unless:

(i) Such nectarines, when packed in molded forms (tray packs) in a No. 22D standard lug box or a No. 32 standard box, are of a size that will pack, in accordance with the requirements of a standard pack, not more than 108 nectarines in the box; or

(ii) Such nectarines, when packed other than as specified in paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section, are of a size that a 16-pound sample, representative of the nectarines in the package or container, contains not more than 100 nectarines.

(3) Any package or container of Mayglo variety of nectarines on or after May 6 of each year, or Crimson Baby, Earliglo, Early Diamond, Red Jewel or Zee Fire variety nectarines unless:

(i) Such nectarines, when packed in molded forms (tray packs) in a No. 22D standard lug box or a No. 32 standard box, are of a size that will pack, in accordance with the requirements of a standard pack, not more than 96 nectarines in the box; or

(ii) Such nectarines, when packed other than as specified in paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section, are of a size that a 16-pound sample, representative of the nectarines in the package or container, contains not more than 90 nectarines.

(4) Any package or container of Arctic Rose, Arctic Star, Burnectone

(Spring Ray), Diamond Bright, Diamond Pearl, Juneglo, June Pearl, Kay Fire, Kay Glo, Kay Sweet, May Diamond, Prima Diamond IV, Prima Diamond VI, Prima Diamond XIII, Prince Jim, Prince Jim 1, Red Delight, Red Roy, Rose Diamond, Royal Glo, or Zee Grand variety nectarines unless:

(i) Such nectarines, when packed in molded forms (tray packs) in a No. 22D standard lug box or a No. 32 standard box, are of a size that will pack, in accordance with the requirements of a standard pack, not more than 88 nectarines in the box; or

(ii) Such nectarines, when packed other than as specified in paragraph (a)(4)(i) of this section, are of a size that a 16-pound sample, representative of the nectarines in the package or container, contains not more than 84 nectarines.

(5) Any package or container of Mango variety nectarines unless:

(i) Such nectarines, when packed in molded forms (tray packs) in a No. 22D standard lug box or a No. 32 standard box, are of a size that will pack, in accordance with the requirements of a standard pack, not more than 84 nectarines in the box; or

(ii) Such nectarines, when packed other than as specified in paragraph (a)(5)(i) of this section, are of a size that a 16-pound sample, representative of the nectarines in the package or container, contains not more than 78 nectarines.

(6) Any package or container of Alta Red, Arctic Blaze, Arctic Gold, Arctic Ice, Arctic Jay, Arctic Mist, Arctic Pride, Arctic Queen, Arctic Snow (White Jewel), Arctic Sweet, August Fire, August Glo, August Lion, August Pearl, August Red, August Snow, Big Jim, Bright Pearl, Bright Sweet, Burnectfour (Summer Flare® 35), Burnectseven (Summer Flare® 28), Candy Gold, Diamond Ray, Early Red Jim, Emilia, Fire Pearl, Fire Sweet, Flaming Red, Grand Pearl, Grand Sweet, Honey Blaze, Honey Dew, Honey Fire, Honey Kist, Honey Royale, July Pearl, July Red, Kay Pearl, La Pinta, Late Red Jim, Mike's Red, P-R Red, Prima Diamond IX, Prima Diamond XVIII, Prima Diamond XIX, Prima Diamond XXIV, Prima Diamond XXVIII, Red Diamond, Red Glen, Red Jim, Red

Pearl, Regal Pearl, Regal Red, Royal Giant, Ruby Diamond, Ruby Pearl, Ruby Sweet, September Bright (26P-490), September Free, September Red, Sparkling June, Sparkling Red, Spring Bright, Spring Sweet, Summer Blush, Summer Bright, Summer Diamond, Summer Fire, Summer Grand, Summer Lion, Summer Red, Sunburst, Sun Valley Sweet, Terra White, or Zee Glo variety nectarines unless:

(i) Such nectarines, when packed in molded forms (tray packs) in a No. 22D standard lug box or a No. 32 standard box, are of a size that will pack, in accordance with the requirements of a standard pack, not more than 80 nectarines in the box, or if the nectarines are "well matured," not more than 84 nectarines in the box; or

(ii) Such nectarines, when packed other than as specified in paragraph (a)(6)(i) of this section, are of a size that a 16-pound sample, representative of the nectarines in the package or container, contains not more than 72 nectarines or if the nectarines are "well matured" not more than 76 nectarines.

(7) During the period April 1 through May 31 of each fiscal year, no handler shall handle any package or container of any variety of nectarines not specifically named in paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), or (a)(6) of this section unless:

(i) Such nectarines, when packed in molded forms (tray packs) in a No. 22D standard lug box or a No. 32 standard box, are of a size that will pack, in accordance with the requirements of a standard pack, not more than 96 nectarines in the box; or

(ii) Such nectarines, when packed other than as specified in paragraph (a)(7)(i) of this section, are of a size that a 16-pound sample, representative of the nectarines in the package or container, contains not more than 90 nectarines.

(8) During the period June 1 through June 30 of each fiscal period, no handler shall handle any package or container of any variety of nectarines not specifically named in paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), or (a)(6) of this section unless:

(i) Such nectarines, when packed in molded forms (tray packs) in a No. 22D

standard lug box or a No. 32 standard box, are of a size that will pack, in accordance with the requirements of a standard pack, not more than 88 nectarines in the box; or

(ii) Such nectarines, when packed other than as specified in paragraph (a)(8)(i) of this section, are of a size that a 16-pound sample, representative of the nectarines in the package or container, contains not more than 84 nectarines.

(9) During the period July 1 through October 31 of each fiscal period, no handler shall handle any package or container of any variety of nectarines not specifically named in paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), or (a)(6) of this section unless:

(i) Such nectarines, when packed in molded forms (tray packs) in a No. 22D standard lug box or a No. 32 standard box, are of a size that will pack, in accordance with the requirements of a standard pack, not more than 80 nectarines in the box or, if the nectarines are “well matured,” not more than 84 nectarines in the box; or

(ii) Such nectarines, when packed other than as specified in paragraph (a)(9)(i) of this section, are of a size that a 16-pound sample, representative of the nectarines in the package or container, contains not more than 72 nectarines or if the nectarines are “well matured” not more than 76 nectarines.

(b) The following procedure shall be used in determining whether nectarines meet the minimum size requirements specified for each size category in this section applying a 16-pound sample. A sample consisting of one-half of the number of fruit specified for a 16-pound sample for a particular size category shall be used, provided such sample weighs at least eight pounds. When one-half the specified number of fruit in a sample results in a number ending with one-half a fruit, the smaller full number of fruit shall be used to determine the sample weight. If a sample fails with respect to minimum size requirements on the basis of an 8-pound sample, a 16-pound sample shall be used to determine if the fruit meets the minimum size requirements.

(c) *Container tolerances.* The contents of individual packages in the lot are subject to the following limitations, provided the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified in this part:

(1) For packages which contain more than 10 pounds, and a tolerance of 10 percent or more is provided, individual packages shall have not more than one and one-half times the tolerance specified. For packages which contain more than 10 pounds and a tolerance of less than 10 percent is provided, individual packages shall have not more than double the tolerance specified.

(2) For packages which contain 10 pounds or less, individual packages are not restricted as to the percentages of defects.

(d) As used herein, *U.S. No. 1, mature*, and *standard pack*, mean the same as defined in the United States Standards for Grades of Nectarines [7 CFR 51.3145 through 51.3160]; and *No. 22D standard lug box* means the same as defined in section 1380.19 (17) of the “Regulations of the California Department of Food and Agriculture”. *Well matured* means a condition distinctly more advanced than *mature*.

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## PART 917—FRESH PEARS AND PEACHES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

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